GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TOURISM CIRCUITS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist circuits set up in Gujarat so far;

(b) the steps taken to develop these tourist circuits during the last three years;

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon;

(d) whether any special scheme has been formulated for the development of tourism in Gujarat during the current Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): In order to strengthen infrastructure facilities, 21 circuits were identified in the Ninth Plan for development through the joint efforts of Central and State Governments and the private sector, which include the following two in Gujarat:

(1) Ahmedabad-Rajkot-Dwarka-Porbandar-Somnath-Girnar-Palitana-Ahmedabad

(2) Ahmedabad-Modhera-Patan-Aambaji-Mt.Abu

(b) and (c): Development and promotion of places of tourist interest/circuits is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations themselves. However, the Department of Tourism, Govt. of India provides financial assistance for the identified projects every year in consultation with them.

The information regarding projects sanctioned in the State of Gujarat including atplaces located on these circuits during the last three years is as under:

Year	No. of projects approved	Amount sanctioned(Rs.in lakhs)
1999-2000	13	327.64
2000-01	19	510.84
2001-02	11	305.50

(d) and (e): During the 10th Five Year Plan the Department of Tourism, Govt. of Indiaproposes to identify six travel circuits in the country on an annual basis and develop them to international standards. These circuits will be finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Government of IndiaDepartments. In addition to this it is proposed to identify one major destination in each State/Union Territory for overall development.